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(Election of Functionaries for the Board of Directors)**

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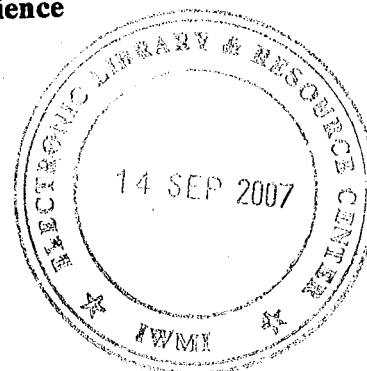
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1. About this Report

This report is output of a Process Documentation Research (PDR) in Nepal West Gandak Irrigation System (NWGIS) initiated as collaborative research program of Irrigation Management Systems Study Group (IMSSG) at Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS), International Irrigation Management Institute (IIMI) and Research and Technology Development Branch (RTDB) of Department of Irrigation (DOI).

This report is based on documentation of process of election of functionaries for the Board of Directors of WUA in NWGIS that was completed during May 24 – June 12, 1998. Two earlier reports (PDR/NWGIS - 1a and PDR/NWGIS - 1b) cover the dynamics of election process for the election of Upatoli, Toli and Branch level functionaries of WUA. The readers are requested to see the earlier reports to understand the institutional evolution and entire process of election of WUA functionaries in NWGIS.

2. Organizational Restructuring of WUA in NWGIS : Replacement of Main Committee by Board of Directors

The WUA in NWGIS amended its' constitution and the new constitution of WUA was inacted on April 14, 1998. Until this constitutional amendment, the Main Committee had the overall responsibility of coordinating the operation and management activities in the system. The system was formally turned-over to the WUA on November 29, 1997 and it was expected that the WUA would take-over and deliver the total of administrative, technical and financial management functions on a daily basis that had been delivered in the past by NWGIS / DOI office.

Upon turnover of the system, it was realized that with the existing organizational structure it would not be possible for the Main Committee alone to ensure daily attention on the operation and maintenance of the system. Until this time, the regular meeting of the Main Committee was being conducted once in each month, which was in no way sufficient to ensure effective coordination of management tasks and required decision making for operation and management of the system. Therefore, it became essential to create a unit within WUA that could provide daily attention to operation and maintenance of the system.

In the existing organizational set-up, the Main Committee has been replaced by the Board of Directors constituted by elected functionaries from lower tiers. For daily attention on operation and maintenance of the system and to perform technical, administrative and financial management functions on a daily basis, an Executive committee has been proposed to be formed by nominated members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is to function as a policy making body with authority to form rules for the governance, financial regulations, appointment of personnel etc.

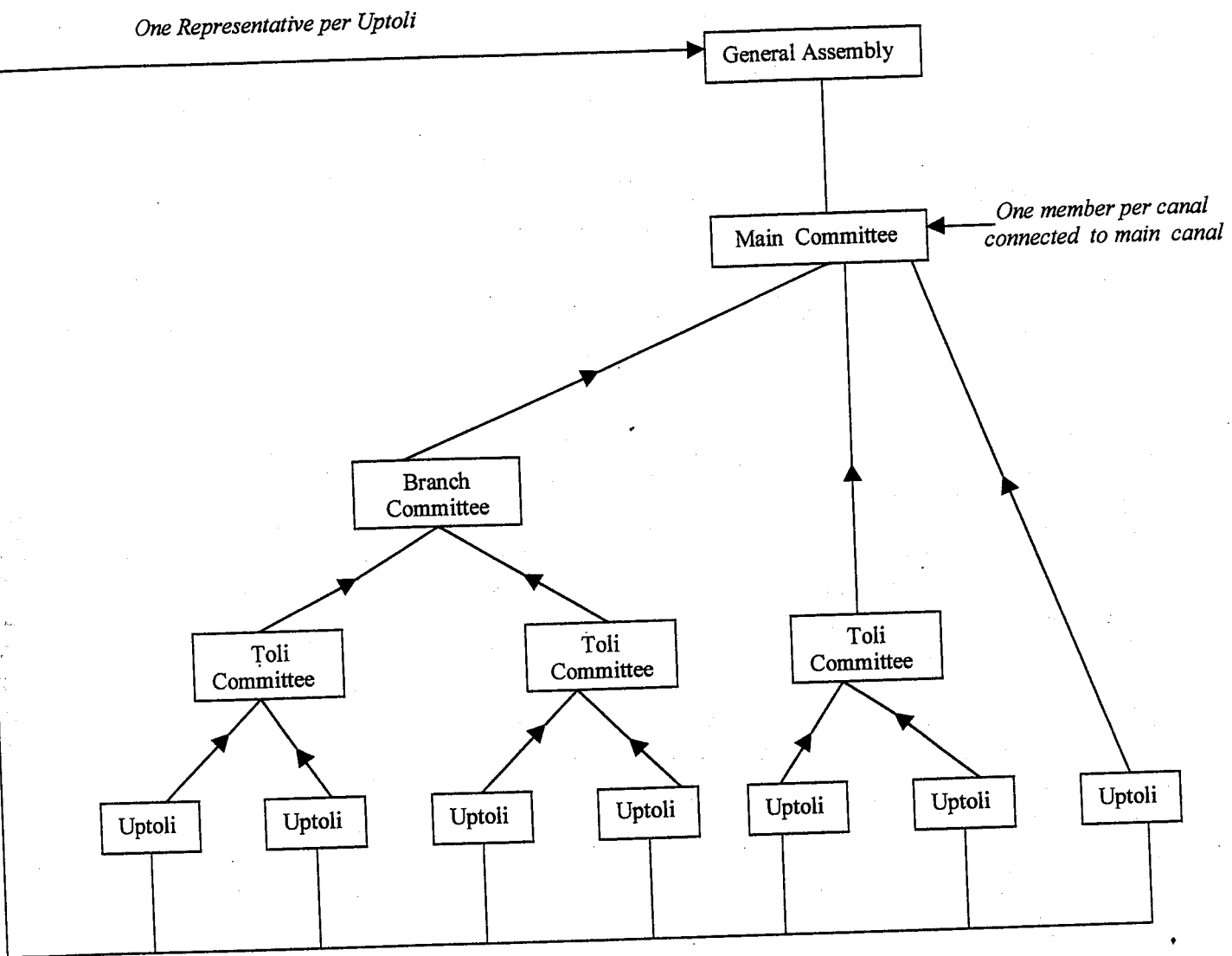


Fig. 1. Organization of WUA in NWGIS before Amendments in WUA Constitution

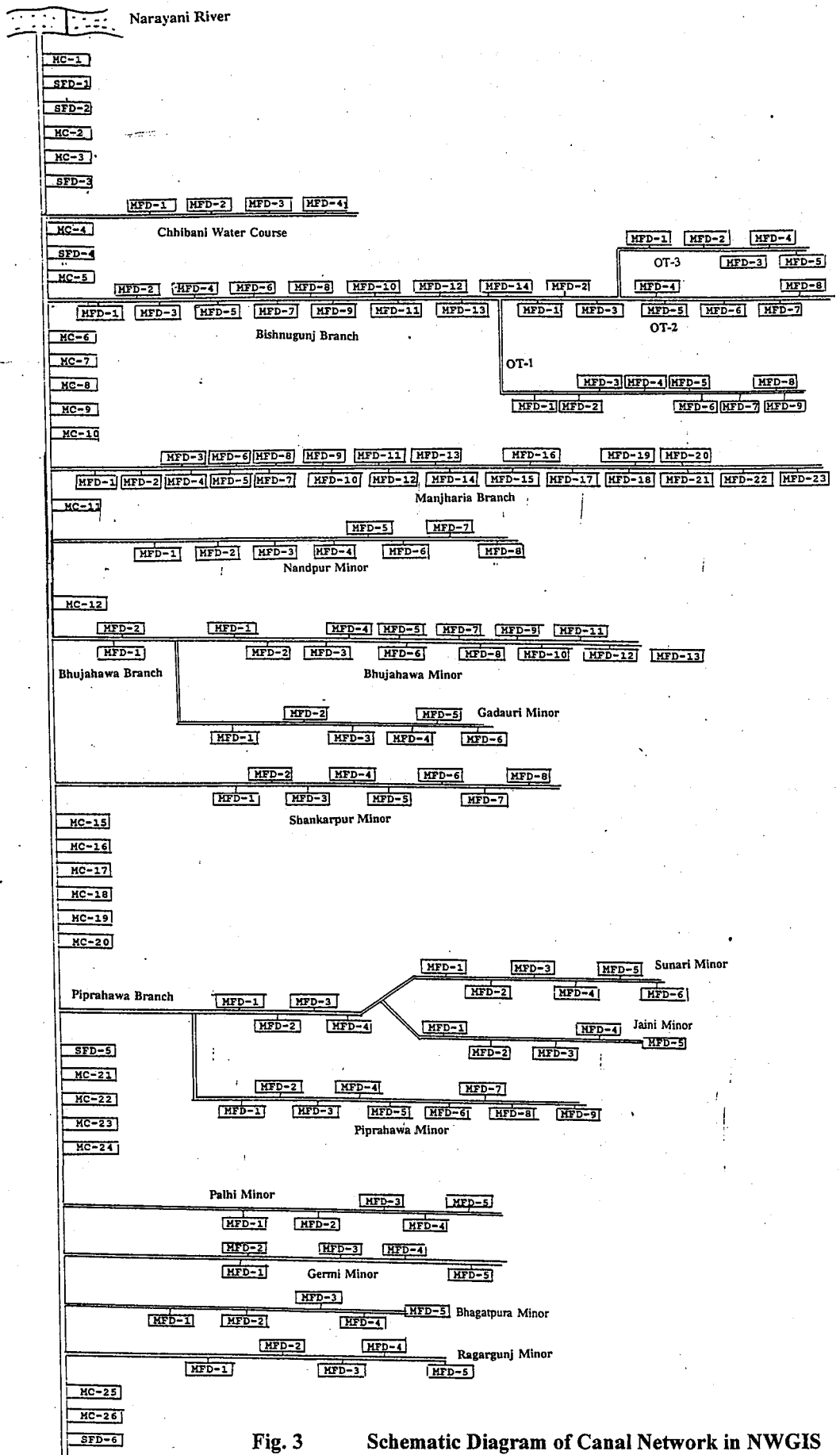


Fig. 3 Schematic Diagram of Canal Network in NWGIS

Table - 1. Representation of Members in the Board of Directors from Lower Tiers of WUA in NWGIS.

Name of the Canal	Area under command (ha)	Upatoll Committee No. of Committees	No. of Functionaries	No. of Committees	Toil committee No. of Committees	No. of Functionaries	Branch Committee No. of Committees	No. of Functionaries	No. of General Assembly Members	No. of Representatives in the Board of Directors
MC 1	40.7	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	2	1
SFD 1	10.5	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	2	1
SFD 2	12.62	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	2	1
MC 2	63.21	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	2	1
MC 3	91.72	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	4	1
MC 3	12.62	1	7	1	1	7	-	-	1	1
SFD 3	123.93	4	28	1	1	7	-	-	1	1
Chhibani Water Course (MFD No. 1 to 4)	120.71	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	1	1
MC 4	134.44	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	1	1
MC 5	20.08	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	1	1
SFD 4	1320.6	14	98	1	1	10	1	21	37	1
Bishnugunj Branch		10	70	1	1	8	1	-	1	1
MFD No. 1 to 14		8	56	1	1	5	-	-	1	1
OT 1 (MFD No. 1 to 10)		5	35	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
OT 2 (MFD No. 1 to 8)		1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
OT 3 (MFD No. 1 to 5)		1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 6	45.91	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 7	177.4	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 8	34.2	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 8	87.26	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 9	1225	23	161	1	1	23	-	23	1	1
Manjharia Minor (MFD No. 1 to 23)		1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 11	73.4	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 11	368.8	8	56	1	1	8	-	8	1	1
Nandapur Minor (MFD No. 1 to 8)		1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 12	27.98	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
Nandapur Minor (MFD No. 1 to 8)		1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
Bhujahawa Branch		2	14	1	1	13	1	9	21	1
MFD No. 1 and 2		13	91	1	1	6	1	8	8	1
Bhujahawa Minor (MFD No. 1 to 13)		6	42	1	1	8	1	1	1	1
Gadauri Minor (MFD No. 1 to 6)		8	56	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
Shankarpur Minor (MFD No. 1 to 8)		1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 15	392.7	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 16	21.92	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 16	42.44	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 17	35.93	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 17	37.85	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 18	23.95	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 19	31.5	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 20	1096.75	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
Piprahawa Branch		4	28	1	1	6	1	11	24	1
MFD No. 1 to 4		6	42	1	1	5	1	-	1	1
Sunari Minor (MFD No. 1 to 6)		5	35	1	1	9	-	-	1	1
Jaini Minor (MFD No. 1 to 5)		9	63	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
Piprahawa Minor (MFD No. 1 to 9)		1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
SFD 5**	8.92	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 21	46.3	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 21	84.15	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 22	38.07	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 22	22	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 23	189.1	5	35	1	1	5	5	5	5	1
MC 24	248.92	5	35	1	1	5	5	5	5	1
Pahl Minor (MFD No. 1 to 5)		5	35	1	1	5	5	5	5	1
Germi Minor (MFD No. 1 to 5)		5	35	1	1	5	5	5	5	1
Bhagatpurwa Minor (MFD No. 1 to 5)		5	35	1	1	5	5	5	5	1
Ragargung Minor (MFD No.1 to 5)		5	35	1	1	5	5	5	5	1
MC 25	47.28	1	7	1	1	4	-	-	2	1
MC 25	25.08	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
MC 26	20	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
SFD 6	77	1	7	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
SFD-N 1 & 2**	8041.12	174	1218	-	-	148	3	41	174	35
TOTAL		174	1218	-	-	148	3	41	174	35

** - Upatoll level Functionaries were not elected in these SFDs during this election of WUA.

Table-2. Schedule of Program for the Election of Functionaries of the Board of Directors of WUA in NWGIS

S.N.	Program	Date	Time		Venue
			From	To	
1.	Notification of the list of voters	May 24, 1998 (2055/2/10)	10:00 a.m.	17:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
2.	Filing the nomination for candidacy	June 1, 1998 (2055/2/18)	10:00 a.m.	17:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
3.	Announcement of the list of candidates	June 1, 1998 (2055/2/18)	-	17:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
4.	Filing of objections against candidacy of specific candidate	June 2, 1998 (2055/2/19)	10:00 a.m.	13:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
5.	Scrutinizing and decisions against the objections filed	June 2, 1998 (2055/2/19)	13:00 p.m.	16:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
6.	Announcement of the list of qualified candidates	June 2, 1998 (2055/2/19)	-	17:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
7.	Withdrawal of candidacy	June 3, 1998 (2055/2/20)	10:00 a.m.	17:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
8.	Notification of final list of candidates	June 4, 1998 (2055/2/21)	10:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
9.	Assignment of election symbol to the candidates	June 4, 1998 (2055/2/21)	12:00 p.m.	17:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari
10.	Voting	June 12, 1998 (2055/2/29)	10:00 a.m.	17:00 p.m.	NWGIS Office, Semari

Mr. Ambrish Rai, a member representative in the Board of Directors from Bishnugunj Branch was the first man to file the nomination for the position of the Chairman. Similarly, Mr. Subhash Chandra Kaushal, general assembly member from MFD-2 of Germa Minor was the first man to file the nomination for the position of Vice- Chairman. By 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 1998, a total of four persons filed the nomination for Chairman and five persons filed the nomination to contest the election for Vice- Chairman. The names of the candidates and their representation was as under-

Candidates for Chairman

- i. Mr. Ambrish Rai – Member representative in the Board of Directors (Bishnuganj Branch)
- ii. Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav – Member representative in the Board of Directors (MC-24)
- iii. Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey – General Assembly Member (MC -7)
- iv. Mr. Jhapendra Prasad pandey – General Assembly Member (MFD-1 – Bishnuganj Branch)

Table – 3 Final List of Candidates Qualified to contest the election for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of WUA in NWGIS.

S.N.	Nomination Registration No.	Position	Name	Age	Address
1.	29	Chairman	Mr. Ambrish Rai	42	Guthi Surajpura VDC Ward No. 3
2.	31	"	Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav	47	Palhi VDC Ward No. 4
3.	32	"	Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey	45	Pratapur VDC Ward No. 2
4.	33	Vice-Chairman	Mr. Govind Patel	28	Rampurwa VDC Ward No. 8
5.	34	"	Mr. Shiv Narayan Giri	44	Sanai VDC Ward No. 6
6.	37	"	Mr. Ram Lakhan Harijan	27	Badahara Dubaulia VDC Ward No. 7

4. 6. Assignment of Election Symbol

The Election commission had identified a set of twelve election symbols, six each for the position of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. The election symbols were copied from those used for the election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Village Development Committees. The candidates were allowed to select a symbol of their choice. Following symbols were assigned by the election commission to the candidates contesting the election for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman-

Candidates for Chairman

<u>S.N.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Election Symbol</u>
i.	Mr. Ambrish Rai	Diyo (Lamp)
ii.	Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav	Umbrella
iii.	Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey	Fish

Candidates for Vice-chairman

<u>S.N.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Election Symbol</u>
i.	Mr. Shiv Narayan Giri	Pitcher
ii.	Mr. Ram Lakhan Harijan	Airplane
iii.	Mr. Govind Patel	Bird sitting on tree branch

on behalf of the candidates to ensure that no fake votes are cast and that free and fair voting is done. Following persons were nominated representatives of different candidates:

<u>S.N</u>	<u>Name of the Candidate</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominated Representatives</u>
i.	Mr. Shiv Narayan Giri	Vice-chairman	Mr. Jitendra Giri
ii.	Mr. Ram Lakhan Harijan	Vice-chairman	Mr. Rohit Kumar Chaudhary
iii.	Mr. Govind Patel	Vice-chairman	Mr. Narendra Yadav
iv.	Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey	Chairman	Mr. Ram Prasad Yadav
v.	Mr. Ambrish Rai	Chairman	Mr. Nagendra Sharma
vi.	Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav	Chairman	Mr. Haroon Khan

4.7.5. Election Observers

To monitor the election process, the election commission had nominated a team of observers that included media personnel and personnel from other organizations. The PDR team members from IAAS Rampur were also nominated as election observers.

4.7.6. The Ballot Paper and Vote Casting

Ballot paper with election symbols for Chairmans' and Vice-Chairmans' candidates was developed and approved by the election commission (Fig. 4). The ballot papers were printed in bundles of 100 ballot papers in each bundle. The ballot papers were issued to the voters upon checking their names and serial numbers in the voters' list, Toli or Branch Committee that they are representing and upon getting their signature or finger print. Each ballot paper issued to the voters was signed by the Chief Election Officer.

To cast the votes, the voters were required to put *Swastika* () mark on the election symbol of one candidate each for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. A separate space was designated for the voters to put *Swastika* mark secretly. The election commission had provided a stamp with *Swastika* mark. Upon putting the *Swastika* mark on the election symbols of the candidates of their choice, the voters are required to drop the ballot paper in a ballot box which was kept in open and that can be seen by every one.

The election commission had identified a set of conditions in which the vote cast by the voters is considered invalid. The conditions were as follows:

- i. If the ballot paper be not signed by the polling officer.
- ii. If any other mark, other than *Swastika* mark, be put on the election symbols of the candidates.
- iii. If the *Swastika* mark be put outside the allocated space for the election symbols.
- iv. If vote be cast using a ballot paper other than that approved and issued by the election commission.

- v. If more than one *Swastika* mark be put on the election symbols for each position.
- vi. If pen or any other means of writing be used to put the mark.
- vii. Any other condition to be decided by the Chief Election Officer.

5. Observation on Voting Process and Pattern

The PDR team from IAAS, Rampur was present at the polling center from the morning until election results were declared. The observations made by the PDR team on the voting process and pattern are as under:

- i. The polling was started at 10:00 a.m. At the polling center entrance and exit gates were made for the voters.
- ii. The outgoing Chairman of WUA Main Committee, Mr. Haidar Ali Momin was the first person to cast the vote. Among the candidates who were contesting the election for the position of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav was the first to cast the vote at 11: 05 a.m.
- iii. To cover the election process reporter of Lumbini Daily and District Reporter of Nepal Television were present at the polling center.
- iv. Most of the voters cast their vote by stamping *Swastika* mark secretly, however there were some voters who cast the vote openly by showing the people around.
- v. The representatives of the candidates were expected to identify the voters and ensure that no persons other than the eligible voters could cast the vote. In an irrigation system like NWGIS covering the command area of 8700 ha and 22 VDCs, a person may not be expected to know all the 209 voters. The election commission had not issued any sort of identification for the voters.

There was one incidence of fake voting that occurred due to same name of two persons. Mr. Ram Chandra Yadav of Bhujahawa VDC Ward No. 9, who was not an eligible voter, voted for Mr. Ram Chandra Yadav, a general assembly member from MFD 14 of Manjharia Minor. Fake voting could be identified only when eligible voter turned-up to cast his vote. The eligible voter filed an application to the chief election officer demanding an action against the fake voter and that he be allowed to vote. The Chief Election Officer decided to arrive at a decision with the consensus of the candidates contesting the election. At 4:30 p.m. a meeting of all the candidates was called by the chief election officer and it was unanimously agreed that it was also the responsibility of the candidates and their representatives to identify the eligible or non eligible voters and that the incidence of fake voting resulted because of the ignorance of the candidates and their representatives so it would not be considered invalid. The Chief Election Officer also convinced the eligible voter to withdraw the petition and eventually the dispute was settled.

Total number of vote cast = 205

Invalid votes = 3

Votes obtained by the candidates of Chairman :

Mr. Ambrish Rai = 116

Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav = 57

Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey = 29

Total = 202

Votes obtained by the candidates of Vice-chairman :

Mr. Ram Lakhan Harijan = 120

Mr. Govind Patel = 52

Mr. Shiv Narayan Giri = 30

Total = 202

Mr. Ambrish Rai and Mr. Ram Lakhan Harijan were declared elected for the position of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

- xiii. The jubilant crowd started shouting in support of the elected candidates and the political parties they were associated with. The crowd was then converted to an assembly where the elected candidates, leaders of the political parties and NWGIS / DOI officials addressed the assembly.

6. Dynamics of Election Process : Relationship with the Political Arena

The political influence and connections were found to be dominant in the dynamics of the election process for the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the WUA in NWGIS. The political connections could be noticed from the selection of the candidates to coalition and seat adjustment and in campaign of the candidates. Two reasons that were distinctly identified for dominance of politics in the election process are:

- i. NWGIS is a large irrigation system with approximately 8700 ha of command area covering 22 VDCs. The system covers one of the densely populated area of Nawalparasi District that includes almost two constituencies (Constituency Nos. 2 and 3 of Nawalparasi District) for the election of Member of Parliament. If a person be elected as a Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the WUA, it would make him known to a bigger population and provide him an opportunity to mobilize public opinion in his/her favor. This is the reason that people and the political parties considers these positions in WUA as platform in mobilizing public opinion in preparation to contesting election at upper political units such as District Development Committee and Parliament.
- ii. The election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman in the Board of Directors draws attention and interest of the political parties to test their strength prior to election. If a candidate supported by a political party wins the election for these two positions in WUA that

On June 4, 1998, the candidates were provided election symbol to contest the election and starting this day campaigning of the candidates began. Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey and Mr. Shiv Narayan Giri, the two candidates supported by RPP had printed pamphlets in Hindi language to convince and mobilize support of the voters (Annex – II). Mr. Ambrish Rai had engaged three Mahindra Jeeps from June 4,1998 until the day of voting for this campaign. Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav was heard to have used two jeeps for campaigning. Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey was using motorcycles for his campaign. All the candidates had strategy of door to door campaigning. Due to heat during the day time, the candidates were campaigning in the morning and in the evening. It was also heard that campaigning continued until late night for few days before the day polling.

On the day of polling on June 12, 1998, the local and District level leaders of different political parties were present in NWGIS office premises in support of their candidates. They were sitting in different groups and were trying to convince the voters to cast their vote in favor of their respective political parties. The candidates were found to have arranged transportation for the voters from their houses to the polling center and back. At least six Mahindra jeeps were found engaged in transportation of the voters arranged by the different candidates. The NSP supported candidate had arranged a camp with crew for cooking food for the voters and the people of his support. Other candidates were heard to have arranged food and drinks for voters and people campaigning in their support in the Gopigunj market near NWGIS office.

After the declaration of the result at 6:50 p.m. on June 12, 1998, jubilant crowd started shouting slogans in support of NSP and NCP – UML combine because their candidates were elected for the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The crowd converted to an assembly just outside the polling center where leaders of NCP – UML and the elected candidates addressed the gathering. Among the persons who addressed the gathering were : Mr. Badri Khanal – Deputy Secretary of District Committee of NCP – UML, Mr. Haidar Ali Momin, outgoing chairman of WUA Main Committee of NWGIS, Mr. Satrajeet Yadav – District Chairman of NSP, Mr. Mukurji Giri – Member representative in the Board of Directors from Palhi Minor, Mr. Narayan Prasad Koirala – Engineer and Office In-charge of NWGIS / DOI, Mr. Durga Prasad Chaudhary – National Vice-chairman of NSP, Mr. Ram Lakhan Harijan – Candidate elect for vice-chairman and Mr. Ambrish Rai – Candidate elect for chairman. Among those who addressed the gathering , many of them insisted that the politics in NWGIS be limited to voting and election only and now that the candidates have been elected the politics and political difference must end and collective action of all individuals cutting across the political line be developed for better operation and management of the system. Some of them also talked about their election strategy, which was more on party politics.

Table - 4. List of WUA Functionaries at Main System Level in NWGIS Elected in Different Elections

Ad - hoc Committee of WUA (Formed on March 30, 1993)	Election - I WUA Main Committee (Elected on June 18, 1993)	Election - II WUA Main Committee (Elected on August 21, 1995)	Election - III Board of Directors (Elected on June 12, 1998)
<p>Mr. Ram Shankar Yadav - C Mr. Ram Lakhna Maurya - VC Mr. Nagendra Kumar Chaudhary - S</p>	<p>Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav - C Mr. Bhagwat Paswan - VC Mr. Subhan Ali Ansari - S Mr. Ram Prasad Chaudhary - T</p>	<p>Mr. Haidar Ali Momin - C Mr. Badrul Haq Khan - VC Mr. Bramha Prasad Gupta - S Mr. Harendra Prasad Chaudhary - T</p>	<p>Mr. Ambrish Rai - C Mr. Ram Lakhna Harijan - VC</p>
<p>(Members 12) Mr. Deo Narayan Chaudhary Mr. Soharat Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Ram Byas Chaudhary Mr. Shiv Nath Tiwari Mr. Ram Kishun Yadav Mr. Ram Kripal Giri Mr. Ramesh Prasad Mishra Mr. Laljan Prasad Yadav Mr. Bahadur Harijan Mr. Laxman Prasad Pandit Mr. Bhagwat Singh Thapa</p>	<p>(Members (31)) Mr. Bhagwat Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Tilu Adhikari Mr. Jiv Lal Aryal Mr. Tilak Ram Chaudhary Mr. Nanda Kishor Panjiar Mr. Lal Bahadur Chaudhary Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey Mr. Ram Bahadur Chaudhary Mr. Om Narayan Chaudhary Mr. Bishnu Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Ram Ashraya Yadav Mr. Parmanand Kohar Mr. Ayodhya Yadav Mr. Jiledar Hussain Khan Mr. Haidar Ali Momin Mr. Kanhaiya Maurya Mr. Shyam Lal Gupta Mr. Om Prakash Pandey Mr. Mohammad Ali Mr. Prem Bahadur Chaudhary Mr. Jagdish Gaud Mr. Ram Briksha Kahar Mr. Ram Chandra Yadav Mr. Buddhi Mukhiya Mr. Babu Ram Subedi Mr. Prem Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Harendra Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Badrul Haq Khan Mr. Gopal Prasad Bishwakarma Mr. Subhash Chandra Kaushal Mr. Raj Kishor Chaudhary</p>	<p>Members (31) Mr. Damodar Aryal Mr. Om Prakash Neupane Mr. Krishna Prasad Panta Mr. Babu Ram Subedi Mr. Tilak Ram Chaudhary Mr. Til Chandra Neupane Mr. Nanda Kishor Panjiar Mr. Ganga Ram Chaudhary Mr. Prakash Mehar Shrestha Mr. Sudhir Prasad Pandey Mr. Likha Ram Chaudhary Mr. Khil Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Ishwari Prasad Chaudhary ✓ Mr. Ram Awadhhar Dube Mr. Ram Ashraya Yadav Mr. Parmand Kohar Mr. Subhan Ali Ansari Mr. Saiad Ali Mr. Sahabuddin Khan Mr. Kanhaiya Maurya ✓ Mr. Om Prakash Pandey Mr. Alauddin Ansari Mr. Anamad Ali Khan ✓ Mr. Surendra Prasad Patel Mr. Jeet Bahadur Chaudhary Mr. Anirudh Prasad Gaud Mr. Mukurji Giri Mr. Subhash Chandra Kaushal Mr. Iainul Ali Ansari Mr. Indra Kamal Chaudhary Mr. Rajendra Kumar Sahani</p>	<p>Members Representatives in the Board of Directors (34) Mr. Damodar Aryal Mr. Til Chandra Neupane Mr. Bishnu Prasad Neupane <i>Subedi</i> Mr. Ek Narayan Chaudhary <i>Neupane</i> Mr. Tilak Ram Chaudhary Mr. Nanda Kishor Panjiar Mr. Ganga Ram Chaudhary Mr. Buddhi Sagar Neupane Mr. Lal Bahadur Chaudhary Mr. Khil Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Ishwari Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Ram Awadhhar Dube Mr. Ram Ashraya Yadav Mr. Harendra Prasad Chaudhary Mr. Narayan Prasad Upadhyay Mr. Rajesh Kumar Mishra Mr. Mubarak Khan Mr. Haidar Ali Momin Mr. Kanhaiya Maurya Mr. Bramha Prasad Gupta Mr. Hira Lal Gupta Mr. Tajmul Hussain Mr. Surendra Kumar Patel Mr. Jeet Bahadur Chaudhary Mr. Sadhu Sharan Yadav Mr. Mukurji Giri Mr. Om Prakash Gupta Mr. Ram Kishun Yadav Mr. Dina Nath Gupta Mr. Chandra <i>Sita Ram Sahani</i> Mr. Sarajuddin Ansari Mr. Ayodhya <i>Yadav</i> Mr. Akhter <i>Hussain Khan</i> Mr. Srikant <i>Mishra</i></p>

Note: C = Chairman, VC = Vice-Chairman, S = Secretary, T = Treasurer

**Glimpses of Election Process in NWGIS
(Election of Functionaries for the Board of Directors)**

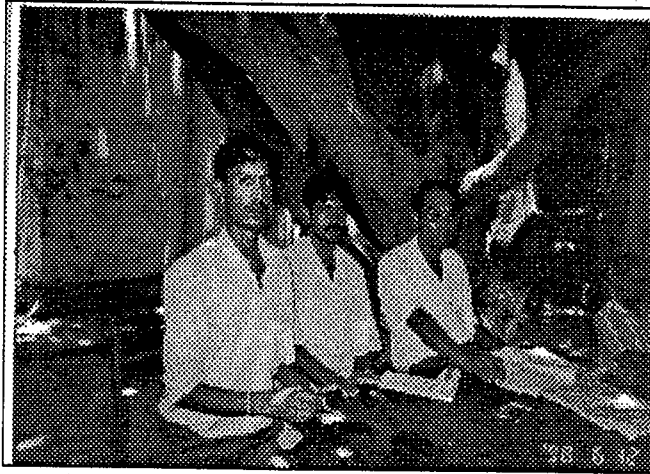


Plate 1 – The Polling Officer and Personnel Deputed by the Election Commission to Assist in Polling.

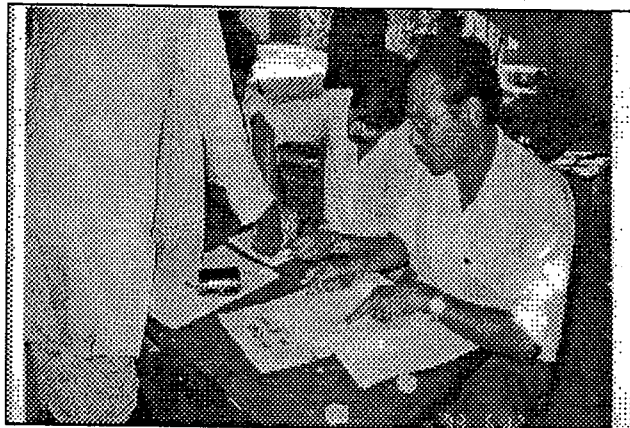


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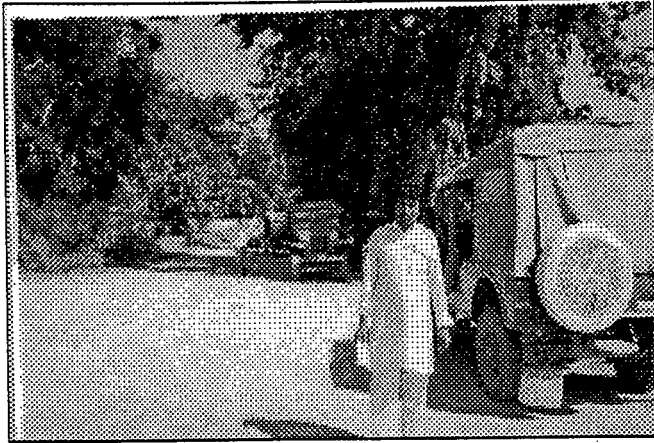


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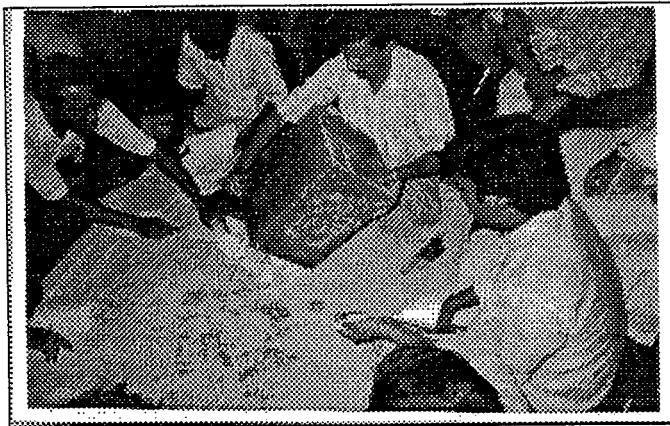


Plate 7 – The Polling Officer Opening the Ballot Box to Begin Vote counting

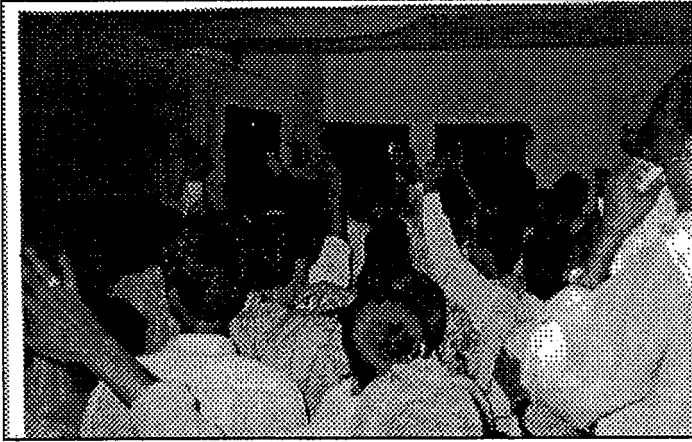


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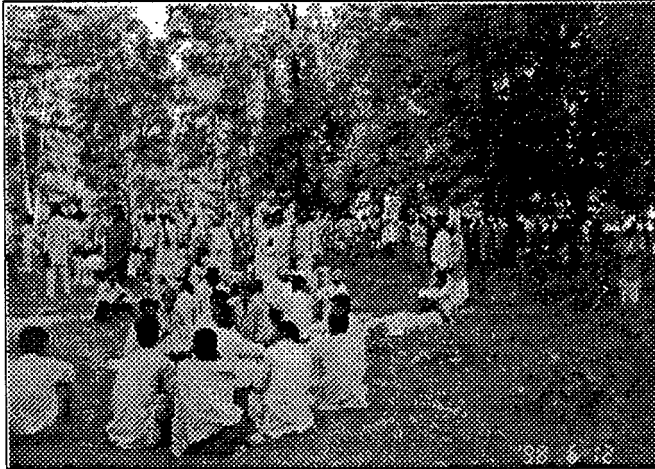


Plate 11 - The Crowd Waiting for the Election Results Outside the Polling Centre

ANNEX - I

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List of Voters for the Election of the Functionaries of the Board of Directors in NWGIS

S.No.	Name of the voters	Name of the Canal Represented by the Voters
Members of the Board of Directors		
1	Mr. Damodar Aryal	MC-1, SFD-1
2	Mr. Til Chandra Neupane	MC-2, SFD-2
3	Mr. Bishnu Prasad Subedi	MC-3, SFD-3
4	Mr. Ek Narayan Chaudhary	Chhibani Water Course
5	Mr. Tilak Ram Chaudhary	MC-4
6	Mr. Nand Kishor Panjiyar	MC-5, SFD-4
7	Mr. Amrish Rai	Bishnugang Branch
8	Mr. Ganga Ram Chaudhary	MC-6
9	Mr. Buddhi Sagar Neupane	MC-7
10	Mr. Lal Bahadur Chaudhary	MC-8
11	Mr. Khil Prasad Chaudhary	MC-9
12	Mr. Ishwari Prasad Chaudhary	MC-10
13	Mr. Ram Abadh Dhar Dube	Manjharua Minor
14	Mr. Ramashraya Yadav	MC-11
15	Mr. Herendra Prasad Chaudhary	Nandpur Minor
16	Mr. Narayan Prasad Upadhyay	MC-12
17	Mr. Rajesh Kumar Mishra	Bhujahawa Branch
18	Mr. Mubarak Khan	Shankarpur Minor
19	Mr. Ayodhaya Yadav	MC-15
20	Mr. Akhtar Hussain Khan	MC-16
21	Mr. Haidar Ali Momin	MC-17
22	Mr. Kanhaiya Maurya	MC-18
23	Mr. Srikanta Mishra	Piprahawa Branch
24	Mr. Brahma Prasad Gupta	MC-19
25	Mr. Hira Lal Gupta	MC-20
26	Mr. Tajmul Hussain	MC-21
27	Mr. Surendra Kumar Patel	MC-22
28	Mr. Jeet Bahadur Chaudhary	MC-23
29	Mr. Sadhu Saran Yadav	MC-24
30	Mr. Mukur Ji Giri	Palhi Minor
31	Mr. Om Prakash Gupta	Germi Minor
32	Mr. Ram Kishun Yadav	Bhagatpurwa Minor
33	Mr. Sita Ram Kewat	Ragargunj Minor
34	Mr. Dina Nath Yadav	MC-25
35	Mr. Sarajuddin Ansari	MC-26, SFD-6
General Assembly Members From Region - I		
1	Mr. Ram Pd. Gurau	SFD-1
2	Mr. Lal Krishna Devkota	MC-1
3	Mr. Bhim Lal Neupane	MC-2
4	Mr. Liladhar Bhusal	SFD-2
5	Mr. Buddhi Ram Panjiyar	MC-3
6	Mr. Durga Pd. Basyal	SFD-3
7	Mr. Devi Raj Upadhyay	MC-4
8	Mrs. Indira Pangeni	Chhiwani Water Course, MFD-1

7	Mr. Narendra Kumar Yadav	Manjharia Minor - MFD-2
8	Mr. Salik Ram Ghimire	Manjharia Minor - MFD-3
9	Mr. Chhabi Lal Chaudhary	Manjharia Minor - MFD-4
10	Mr. Deepak Raj Sharma	Manjharia Minor - MFD-5
11	Mr. Jay Kishun Chaudhary	Manjharia Minor - MFD-6
12	Mr. Budhal Koiri	Manjharia Minor - MFD-7
13	Mr. Ram Kumar Yadav	Manjharia Minor - MFD-8
14	Mr. Mohan Pd. Nawalpuria	Manjharia Minor - MFD-9
15	Mr. Mithai Lal Mallah	Manjharia Minor - MFD-10
16	Mr. Bharat Pd. Chaudhary	Manjharia Minor - MFD-11
17	Mr. Janardan Kahar	Manjharia Minor - MFD-12
18	Mr. Narayan Yadav	Manjharia Minor - MFD-13
19	Mr. Ram Chandra Yadav	Manjharia Minor - MFD-14
20	Mr. Mr. Gabbu Lal Yadav	Manjharia Minor - MFD-15
21	Mr. Jantri Yadav	Manjharia Minor - MFD-16
22	Mr. Sudama Yadav	Manjharia Minor - MFD-17
23	Mr. Moti Lal Harijan	Manjharia Minor - MFD-18
24	Mr. Rahaman Dhunia	Manjharia Minor - MFD-19
25	Mr. Mahesh Kewat	Manjharia Minor - MFD-20
26	Mr. kishun Harijan	Manjharia Minor - MFD-21
27	Mr. Tahasil Ali	Manjharia Minor - MFD-23
28	Mr. Sher Bdr. Chaudhary	Manjharia Minor - SFD-1
29	Mr. Punakhar Chapagain	Nandapur Minor - MFD-1
30	Mr. Rohit Kumar Chaudhary	Nandapur Minor - MFD-2
31	Mr. Nandu singh Sainthwar	Nandapur Minor - MFD-3
32	Mr. Chandrika Pd. Kohar	Nandapur Minor - MFD-4
33	Mr. Nathu Pd. Chaudhary	Nandapur Minor - MFD-5
34	Mr. Hem Narayan Chaudhary	Nandapur Minor - MFD-6
35	Mr. Paras Nath Verma	Nandapur Minor - MFD-7
36	Mr. Govinda Pd. Dhobi	Nandapur Minor - MFD-8
37	Mr. Surya Narayan Yadav	Bhujahawa Branch - MFD-1
38	Mr. Pumabasi Tharu	Bhujahawa Branch - MFD-2
39	Mr. Ram Lakhan Harijan	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-3
40	Mr. Rajaram Mali	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-4
41	Mr. Rajendra Pd. Chaudhary	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-5
42	Mr. Nathu Pd. Chaudhary	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-6
43	Mr. Chhotelal Gupta	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-7
44	Mr. Narayan Harijan	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-8
45	Mr. Dulare Yadav	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-9
46	Mr. Indrajeet Kurmi	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-10
47	Mr. Saleem Ansari	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-11
48	Mr. Liyakat Churihar	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-12
49	Mr. Sidhique Churihar	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-13
50	Mr. Bishun Das Patel	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-14
51	Mr. Tafjool Hussain	Bhujahawa Minor - MFD-15
52	Mr. Narendra Kumar Pandey	Gadauri Minor - MFD-1
53	Mr. Anil Kumar Gaud	Gadauri Minor - MFD-2
54	Mr. Radheshyam Gaud	Gadauri Minor - MFD-3
55	Mr. Basudev Chaudhary	Gadauri Minor - MFD-4
56	Mr. Awadh Bihari Chaudhary	Gadauri Minor - MFD-5
57	Mr. Narayan Pd. Chaudhary	Gadauri Minor - MFD-6

9	Mr. Rajendra Kumar Sahani	MC-25
10	Mr. Ibrahim Jolaha	SFD-6
11	Mr. Madhuwan Sainthwar	MC-26
12	Mr. Mahatam Yadav	Bhagatpurawa Minor - MFD-1
13	Mr. Shiv Narayan Giri	Bhagatpurawa Minor - MFD-2
14	Mr. Ramashankar Mishra	Bhagatpurawa Minor - MFD-3
15	Mr. Sailendra Kumar Bhandari	Bhagatpurawa Minor - MFD-4
16	Mr. Krisna Raj Sharma	Bhagatpurawa Minor - MFD-5
17	Mr. Ram Kumar Yadav	Germi Minor - MFD-1
18	Mr. Subhash Chandra Kaushal	Germi Minor - MFD-2
19	Mr. Haridwar Gupta	Germi Minor - MFD-3
20	Mr. Sarju Teli	Germi Minor - MFD-4
21	Mr. Aabid Ali Shekh	Germi Minor - MFD-5
22	Mr. Muddat Yadav	Ragargunj Minor - MFD-1
23	Mr. Harish Chandra Chaudhary	Ragargunj Minor - MFD-2
24	Mr. Man Bahadur Chaudhary	Ragargunj Minor - MFD-3
25	Mr. Dal Singh	Ragargunj Minor - MFD-4
26	Mr. Suresh Singh	Ragargunj Minor - MFD-5

अच्छे मतदाता मित्रों,

जेष्ठ २९ गते होने वाले नेपाल गण्डक पश्चिमी प्रणाली के जल उपभोक्ता संस्था के संचालक समिति के अध्यक्ष पद के प्रत्यासी के रूपमें आपके धर्मक्ष- में उपस्थित हुवा हूँ इस प्रणाली के हस्तांतरण के पश्चात ज० उ० स० कि जिम्मेवारीयाँ बहुत बढ गई है इस परिस्थिती में विगत में हुई कमि कमजोरी की हटाना अत्यन्त आवश्यक है, जिससे ईस संस्था को गति मिल सके और उस के लिए ठोस कार्यक्रम कि आव यकता है और ईस दिशा में मेरी सोच एवं प्रतिबद्धताए निम्न है।

- ★ विंचित और अविंचित क्षेत्र कि पहचान कर अविंचित क्षेत्रों में सिंचाई सुविधा पहुचाना ईसके लिए प्रशासनिक सुदृढिकरण करना, कार्यरत कर्मचारीयो से प्रभावशाली कर के उनके समस्याओं के प्रति जागरूक होना साथ ही कार्य दल को आवश्यक तालिम के साथ आत्म निर्भर होने के अवसर कि स्थिति पैदा करना।
- ★ कृषि उत्पादन बृद्धि के लिए उपभोक्ताओं को उचित तालिम दिलाना साथ ही जिल्ला कृषि कार्यालय, से सम्पर्क कर नये कार्यक्रमको लागू करवाना।
- ★ वाढ से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में बाढ नियन्त्रण के पक्ष में सदैव जागरूक रहना
- ★ कृषको का मुवावजा दिलाने के लिए प्रवृ या को सरलीकरण कर यथाशि- घ्न मुवावजा दिलवाना।
- ★ आर्थिक अनियमितताओं पर नियन्त्रण करना।
- ★ सिसम के पेड के कटाई में हुई अनियमितताओं कि यथा शिघ्र छान बिन कर दोषी तत्वों के विरुद्ध कारवाही करने के लिए पहल करना
- ★ संचालक समिति के सदस्यो के ठकेदारी करने कि प्रवृत्ति को निरस्तसाहित करना।

मित्रों, इन सब बातो के अलावा इस कमाण्ड क्षेत्र में सामाजिक सेवा के क्षेत्र बिधमान ह, जिसको मुर्त रूप देने के लिए स्वदेशी एव विदेशी गैर सर- कारी संस्थाए दाण्ड संस्थाओं से संस्थागत एवं व्यक्तिगत रूप से सम्पर्क कर इस क्षेत्र के काफी कार्यक्रम लाने के लिए मैं खुदको सक्षम मानता हु और ईस के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हु ताकि ईस कमाण्ड क्षेत्र के अन्दर के उपभोक्ता को गवं कि अनुभूति हो :

साथियों, ईस संस्थाको गति प्रदान करने के एवं इस क्षेत्र के आर्थिक, सामाजिक एवं शैक्षिक बातावरणको उठाने के उद्देश्य से किए गये मेरे प्रण पर बिश्वास करते हुए मेरे चुनाव चिन्ह " मछली " पर अपनी अमूल्य मत देकर मुझे सेवा करने का अवसर दे।

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